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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants, by their attorneys, hereby bring the following to the attention of the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-captioned patent application. A copy of an International Search Report having a mailing date of February 27, 2002 is included for corresponding International Patent Application Serial No. PCT/IL01/00238, which was filed on March 12, 2001. All of the documents cited in

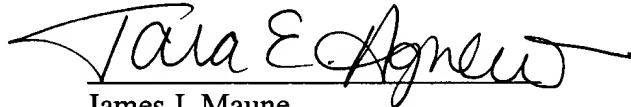
this International Search Report have already been made of record in the above-captioned patent application.

Additionally, with regard to an Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 14, 2001 for the present application, applicants are uncertain whether page 2 (of 3) of the accompanying PTO Form 1449 for the present application was received by the U.S. Patent Office.

Accordingly, enclosed is page 2 of that PTO Form 1449, which lists some of the documents submitted with the June 14, 2001 Information Disclosure Statement. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the enclosed page 2 in conjunction with the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 14, 2001.

Applicants believe that no fee is presently due, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), as Applicants expect that the submission of page 2 of the PTO Form 1449 will render the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 14, 2001 complete before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any fees or credit any overpayment necessitated by this communication to Deposit Account No. 02-4377.

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